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Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Apr. 10	Canada .....	8	0	0	0
12	Utstein .....	16	1	0	0
14	Imperator .....	18	6	0	0

#### NORFOLK ISLAND.

*Mortality and health conditions during year 1904—Increase of tubercular diseases.*

Consular Agent Robinson reports, March 1, as follows:

During the year 1904 the general health of the island was good. There was a slight epidemic of dysentery at the Melanesian Mission at the beginning of the year, and also of influenza on the island.

Tubercular diseases, especially of the lungs, are unfortunately becoming more prevalent. The deaths were 12 in number, and of these 7 were caused by pulmonary phthisis.

Population: The population of the island on December 31, 1904, was 1,034.

Meteorological conditions: The temperature ranged from 75° in February to 54° in August, the highest and lowest. Rain fell on 154 days, gauging 53.45 inches. Winds were easterly 180 days, westerly 186 days.

#### PANAMA.

*Reports from Colon—Inspection of vessels—Passenger traffic on fruit vessels—Mortality—Quarantine against Colon imposed by Jamaica and Costa Rica.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Mohr reports, April 10 and 12, as follows:

During the week ended April 8, 1905, the following vessels cleared for ports in the United States and were granted bills of health:

British steamship *Mantineia*, for a port in the United States via Santiago, Cuba, April 2, with 23 crew and no passengers.

American steamship *Seguranca*, for New York, April 5, with 70 crew and 135 passengers.

Norwegian steamship *Preston*, for New Orleans via Bocas del Toro, April 6, with 35 crew and 30 passengers.

British steamship *Teaan*, for Galveston via Jamaica and Mexican ports, with 45 crew and no passengers.

American steamship *City of Washington*, for New York, April 8, with 61 crew and 18 passengers.

The living quarters of the British steamship *Mantineia*, bound for Santiago, Cuba, were fumigated prior to sailing from this port by the quarantine officer of Colon.

The steamers of the United Fruit Company, plying between this port and New Orleans via Bocas del Toro, are, with the consent of the Louisiana State board of health, taking passengers from this port since the close season began. These vessels discharge cargo here and then

proceed to Bocas for their cargo of fruit, at which port they are fumigated by the representative of the Louisiana board. These vessels also carry a medical inspector to represent the same board. This passenger traffic consists chiefly of Americans and other foreigners, many of them canal employees returning to the United States. Most of them are nonimmunes, and have been but a short time on the Isthmus. All are personally inspected by me and temperatures taken before they go on board the ship. The time consumed by the voyage to New Orleans is 7 to 8 days,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 days being spent in Bocas taking on fruit.

Jamaica and Costa Rica have quarantined against Colon, not admitting vessels having passengers on board.

During the week ended April 10, 1905, the following deaths were officially reported: Syphilis, 1; spinal disease, 1; bilious fever, 1; diarrhea, 1; lumbricoids, 1; dropsy, 3; total, 8.

The case of bilious fever occurred in a child aged 2 years; the cases of dropsy among children aged, respectively, 2 months, 3 months, and 17 years.

No cases of yellow fever have been reported in Colon since the 6th instant, and in Panama none have been reported since March 27. The fumigation of houses in Colon is proceeding systematically and the worst portion of the town has been well gone over.

*Report from Bocas del Toro, fruit port.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports as follows: Week ended April 7, 1905. Present officially estimated population not obtainable; no deaths; prevailing diseases, malarial fevers; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Apr. 1	Belvernon.....	Mobile via Limon	22	0	0	0
2	Beverly.....	New Orleans.....	42	1	2	0
3	Schr. Herald.....	Colon.....	-----	6	0	0
5	Origen.....	New Orleans.....	24	0	0	0
6	Fort Morgan.....	Mobile.....	22	0	0	0
7	Mount Vernon.....	do.....	20	0	0	0

PERU.

*Reports from Callao—Plague situation in Peru and Chile—Smallpox in Chilean ports—Vaccination of crew on steamship Tucapel at Valparaiso—Indorsements on bills of health of steamship Limari.*

Assistant Surgeon Lloyd reports, March 20 and 31, as follows:

Since February 11 I have received no official reports from the health officer concerning the plague situation in Peru. Cases continue to occur in places previously reported as infected. Twelve cases and 2 deaths are reported in Mollendo during the past 2 weeks, and 8 cases with 4 deaths in Lima during the same period. In Pisagua, 150 cases with many deaths are reported, with very little being done to check the spread of the disease, and a large exodus of people fleeing to escape the fate of those less fortunate. Three cases and 2 deaths are reported